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Chicago Sun-Times - Chicago Daily News

Sessions with these two papers' editorial boards are mostly "high level stuff" with a fair amount of give and take between the guest and the writers.

A steady stream of senior government officials, including military, have been guests. The main purpose is to give the writers a broader information base from which to write editorials. A recent typical visitor was Joseph Sisco, the brother of my informant.

The meetings are said to be friendly, civil, and off-the-record; I suspect they are similar to your New York and Washington sessions.

Source: My Illinois classmate, Augie Sisco, assistant city editor, Chicago Sun-Times.

Chicago Committee, Chicago Council on Foreign Relations

This is the most prestigious group of top industrial and business leaders in Chicago. The heads of major Chicago companies regularly show up. The group may be small, however; attendance depends not only on who the speaker is but often on whether there is another top level business executive luncheon that day.

The group is conservatively oriented and probably benignly inclined toward us. It will probably be one of your easier appearances, according to my informant. The confidential nature of your briefing will be respected. There will be questions and answers.

Source: My Illinois classmate, Jerry Van Gorkom, President of Trans Union (tank-car?) corporation, and member of the Chicago Committee.